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Postmortem Hits the Stage

By Meigan Rennels
Staff Writer

Thursday, October 21 kicked off the weekend of three performances for The Columbian Players' fall show, Postmortem. The show is a 1920s melodrama set in the country home of actor William Gillette who is hosting a gathering for his fellow actors in the Sherlock Holmes stage production in an attempt to find the murderer of his late fiancée. In the course of a two hour production the audience is kept guessing as the seven friends gather for a weekend of séances, gunshots and parties.

Postmortem was a great success for the cast and crew who worked tirelessly for weeks to put together a stunning show for the Saint Joseph's community. The cast was not disappointed when the first performance closed to the cheers of a thrilled audience. Senior Elementary Education major Eileen Mills-Groninger greatly enjoyed the show and had nothing but good things to say about the production, "The whole cast did an excellent job, and every element of the show was wonderful."

The audience was thrilled by the show and was kept entertained by the over-the-top plot twists and one-liners. The show was constant entertainment for everyone in the audience and brought a large crowd to each performance. The show also offered a chance for

past members of The Columbian Players to come and admire the legacy that they left behind. 2010 alumnae Bailey Snider attended the first production since her graduation and was thrilled to see how well everything was carrying on, "The play was very impressive. I felt the cast worked well together, and there was some wonderful young talent represented on that stage. I'm so happy the first play I'm able to attend as an alumnae shows the Columbian Players, a campus group always close to my heart, are still going strong!"

Postmortem offered a chance for students who had never been involved in theatre at Saint Joseph's to take part. Several of the actors involved in the show were performing in their first show at the college or their first show in general.

Hannah Sparks, junior English major was performing in her debut role as May Dison, the sister of the deceased actress and love interest of William Gillette and enjoyed her first stint as an actress, "I loved the play and the people in it. I had such a good time and I look forward to doing more before I graduate." The show was a rousing success which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The cast included senior English major Megan Bobonick, sophomore Biology-Chemistry major Alan Austin, senior Theater major Jordan

Broeker, sophomore Biology-Chemistry major Joseph Karpiak, sophomore English major Olivia Markwalder, junior English major

Meigan Rennels, and junior English major Hannah Sparks.



Junior Hannah Sparks threatens Senior Jordan Broeker in Postmortem. (Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, CPPS)



The cast of Postmortem backstage. (Courtesy of Meigan Rennels)

Zombies Invade SJC

By Prof. Jean Monfort
Guest Writer

SJC hosted the game Humans vs. Zombies during the last week of October. During that time, designated zombies had to try to tag humans. Each night there were missions to be completed. Zombies were denoted by a yellow band on their forehead, while humans wore it around their arm. The following is an excerpt from the faux journal kept by Professor Jean Monfort.

Humans vs. Zombies: The Professor's Journal

Everything written here is true. I write as one of the last survivors. I don't know when they will catch me – I only know that they will catch me, be it today or tomorrow.

Day 1 mission: We got our orders – retrieve three black boxes scattered all over campus for the scientist to use in developing a cure. There are a great many of us. The air is electric with excitement and bravado. Humans compare their weaponry and break into small squads. No one is playing the hero tonight. It's about

teamwork.

Day 2: Word reaches me that one of our squad got tagged that morning. I used zombies to teach exponential growth to my Core I students a couple of weeks ago. This is how it begins, I remember saying. They only need to tag one or two to start the climb. .

Day 2 mission: Our orders: retrieve original three zombies. Each original zombie has to be hit 10 times – 11 to stun them. There are more zombies now, moving through the silhouetted trees in the grotto, snaking around the Core building. Noodlers are prowling, tanks are confidently charging into groups, knowing that they'll get at least one new zombie before they're taken out.

We will not leave the safety zone, they cannot attack us. It's a stalemate, and it starts to grate the nerves of the go-getters. They want a final assault. They want to charge. I convince them to wait. No point in dying needlessly, when we need every nerf dart we can get. The zombies lose interest, and go hunting for new prey. Higher-ups call a welcome cease fire.

Day 3: Rumors are easier to find than fact, and around campus rumors abound that there are no more humans or that there are only a few humans. Tonight everyone dies. Except for me. Tonight I escape north, to the metropolis.

Day 4: Learned of last night's successful mission. Scientist retrieved. Amazon squad (volleyball team) all but gone. Only one remains now. They were picked off in science by a few clever tag-teaming zombies.

Day 4: Mission: The human base is empty. There are five of us. We learn the horde is on its way. The first part of the mission: clean out the IM field of zombies. We balk – five humans?! Versus... a gathering crowd of shadows in the field? Madness. We stand on the steps of Justin, stoic, listening to the cat calls. Three more humans show up, making the odds a nice 2:1. We charge. They charge.

It's a foamstorm of bullets. I tag my two zombies, then retreat to the base for a moment. Still, the fight ends after some more flurry. We are victorious! And not one human died on the field – a small miracle.

Five minutes later, we start the second half of the mission; escorting the scientist to the zombie zone. Going no faster than a walk, we must get her

inside the rec center. We are a small group, and agree on a basic strategy – keep to the outsides of the campus..

By the chapel we get one. By the Science building they start to close in, sporadic. They are faceless, dark shapes hopping behind one tree, then the next. Zombies circle around us like coyotes, wary of our guns but hungry to tag themselves a brain crock pot. At last, we find an unlocked door, and get the scientist inside.

Our cheers are loud. Humans victorious! It's an example of teamwork and strategy paying off against terrible odds. We are alive.

Alive to the end – tomorrow is the last day. The final extraction. Will I live to see my family again? Or will my bandana make that climb from arm to forehead?

Day 5: If I survive tonight, if I make it to the end....no, I cannot hope for that. Thinking too much of my potential survival will make me sloppy. I've lost so many of my squad now, it feels wrong to feel hopeful for my own success. Then again – survival is the goal....Tonight will decide everything.

I leave this to you, whoever finds these few pages. Remember me, and remember that I stood up against the zombie apocalypse. No Melee. No Problem - The Professor



Trick or Treating with Jasper County Youth Center

By Dan Zimmer
Staff Writer

This past week children of the Jasper County Youth Center and children of campus employees paid a visit to the Saint Joseph's College campus to trick or treat from dorm to dorm.

The annual event with the young ghouls and goblins has been going on for the past few years. It is put on by the Diversity Coalition on campus. "We put this on because we like making the kids a part of the campus here," says Joe Karpiak, president of the Diversity Coalition. "We really have a fun time." The event was one of the biggest in recent years with some 40 kids.

The trick or treaters were given a pizza party to start. At the pizza party the kids were able to run around the ballroom, and given the chance to make some last minute adjustment to their costumes. The traditional Halloween festivities were started soon after that, and five groups were sent out on campus, ready to collect their treasures.

Almost all spheres of

influence of campus got involved. The kids were given ready made candy bags by the electrical department. Both eateries on campus were also involved. The cafe and the Hub handed out candy as one of the stops along the trail. The students store opened for a few minutes so they kids could make a stop there for candy as well. The kids loved going from dorm to dorm and receiving candy.

Puma Pound also got in on the Trick or treating action. Several football players went around with the groups. They were playing such games as red light, green light along the route. Several football players were seen holding shoes that the kids no longer wanted to wear as well as helping frightened little girls down the stairs. The boys loved talking sports with the guys and proclaimed that they wanted to be Puma Football players one day. A few girls also declared that they wanted to cheer for the football players. The Puma Pound did a great job with the kids and many were impressed with the gentle

nature they had when interacting with the kids.

Costumes ranged from Iorn-man to Stitch from Lilo & Stitch. The traditional costumes were also in show with witches, princesses, and ghouls of all shapes and sizes. One trick or treater, Matt Sadler, dressed as a cat, says what his favorite part of halloween is. "the trick or treating and getting candy!" One of the trick or treaters was getting upset because she was dressed up as a Hollywood Starler and many thought she was just an ordinary princess.

Katie Hall, Program Director for Imagination Station of Jasper County Youth Center appreciates that SJC is willing to open their doors for the kids. The kids really enjoy the event and always have a good time with the college kids. The kids had a great time, and everyone from the cowgirl princess, to the ninja, to the little boy dressed up in the bloody mask cannot wait for next year's Trick or Treating With JCYC to happen.

Upcoming Events

November 4th-9:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- INPULSE - A Cappella Group

November 5th-Lil Sibs Weekend

November 6th- 12:00 PM - Football vs Missouri Science and Technology (HOME)

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Magician-Nate Staniforth (Halleck Student Center Ballroom)

November 7th-4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Fall Choral Concert (Chapel)

November 8th-Registration for Winter Term opens

November 11th-SJC Student Art Shows (Core Lobby)

November 14th-4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Jazz Concert (Theatre)

Making Changes One Stride at a Time

By Jessica Ruschke
Staff Writer

On October 23, students and community members participated in the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" 5K walk to raise money and awareness.

225 people walked in the event, including fifteen breast cancer survivors. Through the event \$6,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society, including \$700 from the sale of 566 "honor" cards to faculty, students, and staff.

Director of Continuing and Summer Programs Mr. Mark Brouwer said, "[The walk] was a great success for our first time."

The schedule for the event included a welcome with survivor speeches, an invocation by Father

Tim McFarland, and the walk itself. Saint Joseph's College housekeepers and breast cancer survivors Carolyn Lucente and Teena Farmer both gave speeches.

"They are both extremely strong, caring, and passionate women. Truly inspiring," said Brouwer.

The idea for organizing the walk came from a walk committee from Rensselaer that contacted the Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing about planning the event. After talking with Administrative staff, the planning began.

"The decision was made to have the walk on campus in an effort to show our support of the American Cancer Society and all cancer survivors," said Brouwer.

The Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing and the Student Development Office were a major part of the event, and student volunteers helped as well. Over seventy students from the Cross Country and Track and Field teams helped out.

Brouwer said, "We could not have done the walk without the help of coaches Bill Massoels and Joe Koczan and all the athletes who helped staff the event."

Junior Biology/Chemistry major Megan Davis helped work the event.

"My aunt had breast cancer, and she's a survivor. I felt like giving back," said Davis. She drove Breast Cancer Survivor Sharon Berenda around the course in a golf cart donated because she could not walk the course.

"It was fun. She is a very nice lady. It was nice to see how happy she was after all she's gone through," said Davis.

Because of cold and rainy weather, Davis gave Berenda blankets and her jacket so she could finish the course.

"[I] would have had to cut it short without the girls and the blankets," said Berenda. She also expressed hope that the event would continue next year.

While many students helped work the event, others decided to participate in the walk itself. Sophomore Biology major Kelsey Reynolds walked with four of her friends.

"A lot of people do not know how many women are affected by breast cancer. [I wanted to] make it more apparent so more

people will help and donate for the cause," said Reynolds.

Reynolds remembered the large number of people at the event.

"Toward the end, I turned a corner and saw a large group of people and realized how many were excited to do it."

Brouwer hopes to be able to continue the walk here. He said, "If students and staff are interested in keeping this event on campus, please feel free to contact me at mbrouwer@saintjoe.edu and show your support."

Although Breast Cancer Awareness Month is over, students can continue to support research to help cancer patients year round and support events like this.



Participants are being welcomed into the fieldhouse during the beginning of the walk.
Photo courtesy of: Jessica Ruschke



Megan Davis with Breast Cancer Survivor Sharon Berenda.
Photo courtesy of: Jessica Ruschke

Response to “Silence” and “Informality”

By Zachary Mocek
Guest Writer

It has been said in a past editorial by Mr. Thomas that I must be two people in order to satisfy society's need of respectability. I must be a liar in public so I give the illusion of respectability through the way I dress and address people in a public setting. In private, I can be me, but only in the sense of what society deems me to be. I disagree with these implications that Mr. Thomas puts forward.

St. Francis de Sales tells us in his Introduction to the Devout Life to “Be who you are and be that well.” Contrary to Mr. Thomas' opinion, this Doctor of the Church is telling us that we need to be ourselves to our fullest potential in all walks of life. St. Francis tells us that through this we can experience God in our own lives. The teacher in teaching her students well can experience the divine, and/or see satisfaction in her life. I am arguing that we should be respectable people because we should be, not because it is the precepts of the antediluvian Victorian era. The idealistic tone of Mr. Thomas' article gave the impression that “things were better back then”. They were not. Things have stayed the same for the most part. The only major significant step in progress has been the women's suffrage movement and

the feminist equality movement.

In being ourselves to the fullest potential, we should respect people and their property. We should treat others as we would like to be treated. We should be proper role models for those who look up to us. We should be all we can be. When we embrace our neighbor in love we are being the best we can be. We should strive for a better world and we can do that at the individual level. “Be who you are and be that well” means that if we be ourselves and strive for our potential we will be doing our part in making this world a better place. We should not want our pants to hang underneath our butt because we want to be respectful of those around us. We should also strive not to judge those who wear clothing we do not approve of because we do not know their circumstances.

The current culture in which we live allows us more freely to be the people we choose to be. It does not create a dichotomy of the mind and soul. I am free to be me in all circles of life without putting up a mask. We can be ourselves and discard society's oppressiveness. I am telling you to be the best individual that you can be. I am asking you to “be who you are and be that well”.

Would You Like Some Bread and Cheese with that Whine?

By Eileen Mills-Groninger
Opinions Editor

Lately, I have been a pain to deal with. I promise you all that I am fine, I am not on a downward spiral, but I have been irritated lately.

I was spending too much time working, not enough time doing things that make me happy, and as a result I was being irritable and snotty (some might say snobby) to those around me. For this behavior, I do apologize.

This past week, I had the pleasure of going down to Cup O' Joe's (if you have never been, please go) and I got to look at the communal journal that many have written in over the years.

There were numerous entries, many of them humorous, some of them romantic, and some of them just happy.

One entry that caught my eye was an attack on negative attitudes that someone wrote about. They wrote something to the effect of “How can you complain about life when you are in a free coffee house?”

Even more startling about this statement was the fact that I wrote it! Last year I was an effervescent person who could not be upset except when others were upset. I am an empathetic person, (thanks to my mother and her influence) but my bubbly personality was able to surpass every negative aspect of my life.

This year I am letting everything

bother me! I was complaining to someone about something silly and they responded to me with the question: “Red or White?” I asked them what on earth they were talking about, and they responded “I was just trying to figure out what kind of whine I was taking in.”

A silly play on words, but it really got me to think about my life again. Re-reading my own journals, as well as the Cup O' Joe journal has made me remember my own mantra: Your problems are not unique. Appreciate what you have; YOU are in control of your own happiness.

This is really difficult to support at times, but I do believe it to be true because of my mother. She was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer in 2000; back then that was very advanced and the prognosis was little more than hopeful.

She could have become depressed (and indeed she did for a time) but she did not stop living her life, the way I seem to have.

Do not be like me, readers. Do not let petty circumstances and college drama dictate your life. Take some time instead to be a friend, listen to those around you, and appreciate what you have in life. You are attending a private college with an excellent faculty and staff that will support you through everything, in and out of the classroom. Also, remember to smile. It is contagious!

Have your voice be heard!

Are there people or groups on campus that you think deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the campus community?

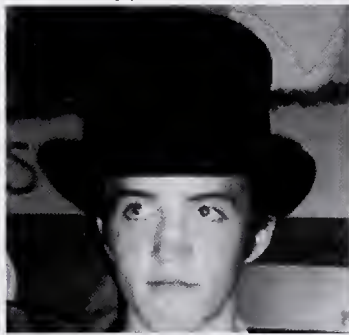
Are their concerns in *the Observer* that need to be addressed?

Do you have any concerns with policies on campus?

Are there issues you think need to be discussed?

Tell us about it! The Student Forum is your way to speak out and have your voice be heard. Please send your letters to Eileen Mills-Groninger at emp6839@saintjoe.edu attached as a Word document.

Responses to Responses



By Caleb Thomas
Staff Writer

Recently my articles “Unfortunate Informality” and “The Dignity of Silence” have incited a great deal of criticism from readers, usually in the form of casual conversation among groups of friends at the dinner table, but on occasion, as we see this week, in the form of responses written to The Observer. I was quite dismayed to learn that, from what I can tell from the two written responses, many people are misunderstanding the messages which my articles intend.

This week, for instance, Mr. Mocek has suggested that I have been fostering ideas of outright dishonesty, that I promote blind conformity at the expense of one's own personality, and that I am an idealist with radical, preposterous ideas. I hope these misconceptions are not widespread, but it is my understanding that they are. Hopefully this article will help to clear the air of any misinterpretation or unintended offence.

Mr. Mocek cited St. Francis de Sales to support the idea that we must be ourselves that we might reach our fullest potential, but states from the start that this is contrary to my own opinion and that simply is not the case.

On the contrary, our unique personalities are God-given and should never be undervalued. The true discrepancy in our opinions is that Mr. Mocek sees society as oppressive and formal etiquette as an idealistic mask intended to hide our true colours. I see society as the community we share and etiquette as a means of being

respectful of our fellows.

I hope my readers realise that I would never ask anyone to stop being who they are for one moment. That is not my purpose. Rather, I want people to reach their fullest potential through the wisdom of St. Francis de Sales and their own individuality coupled with the grace of timeless etiquette and respectable attire.

My articles are not directed at the individual, and so I hope they are not being taken as personal attacks. These articles are intended for a very broad audience; I do not restrict myself to writing for this college community alone. My articles are also not intended to spell out exactly how people should behave to the letter, but rather introduce a general principle, leaving practical application to the individual.

Last week, for example, Ms. Butts said that her father, a hard worker, wears jeans to work regularly and that given the nature of his job it would be ludicrous to do otherwise. I could no sooner disagree with Ms. Butts than I could breath under water. Formal attire has its place just as jeans, sweatpants, and pyjamas have their place. Many of the quarrels people have held with my articles have been less about the principles I espouse than about the over application of said principles. I hope that people will look more favourably on these principles when they realise that they are not intended to be quite as black-and-white as they have been interpreted.

It is my sincere hope that this article will clear the air of the misinterpretations of my articles and blot out any inadvertent offence they may have caused. I hope they will not be taken as personal attacks or taken out of context. It has never been my intent to offend or upset, and I hope my opinions will not be counted against me by my friends and colleagues.

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This Is Not A Revolution (But It's Still Pretty Good)

By Michael Garrity
Features Editor

This is Terrible Things in a nutshell. Former Taking Back Sunday guitarist and songwriter Fred Mascherino (who was, himself, stepping in for John Nolan after the band's first album), whose presence helped to introduce the band to more mainstream success, left the group under questionable circumstances. After flirting with a lackluster solo career under the guise of The Color Fred, he meets up with two other Warped Tour scene darlings and creates the equivalent of a pop-punk supergroup, whose first effort is this self-titled release. Flanked by Andy Jackson, once frontman of the criminally underrated Hot Rod Circuit, and ex-Coheed and Cambria drummer Josh Eppard, Mascherino gives us the most solid release in his discography since Taking Back Sunday's third album from 2006.

The songs on this record are made up of a very simply formula. They all follow a standard pop-rock format for the most part, with some slight variations but certainly nothing that really pushes the envelope. Fortunately for Terrible Things, the band has the advantage of having two tremendously talented songwriters in Mascherino and Jackson creating their material. The first actual song, "Revolution," sets the tone for the rest of the album with its hard-hitting chorus, dual vocals, and solid bridge (which sounds very similar to the bridge in Taking Back Sunday's "Error: Operator"). Two of the standout tracks on the album, Mascherino's "Lullaby" (which was originally written for his first group, Breaking Pangea) and Jackson's "Wrap Me Up" are perfect examples of really solid songwriting. What could easily become boring, standard pop-rock fare is spiced

up by great arrangements and wonderful instrumentation, along with two very invested vocalists. Other songs on the album, like the acoustic ballad "Been Here Before," "Up At Night," and the incredibly fun "Conspiracy" also show off the band's ability to write a very strong song.

And, ultimately, that is what is most appealing about this band and this record. The lyrics are nothing especially stellar, in fact at points they come across as overly simplistic, but part of that actually adds to the enjoyment of the record. There is certainly nothing groundbreaking happening in the forty minutes this album lasts, but it has to say something that I find myself continually sitting down to listen to *Terrible Things* over and over again. It's just good, and sometimes it's nice to listen to an album that is enjoyable for that reason alone.



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| Tracklisting | | |
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| 1. | Intro | Release Date |
| 2. | Revolution | August 31, 2010 |
| 3. | Up At Night | |
| 4. | Lullaby | Personnel |
| 5. | Terrible Things | Fred Mascherino, Andy Jackson |
| 6. | Conspiracy | Josh Eppard |
| 7. | Wrap Me Up | |
| 8. | Been Here Before | Record Label |
| 9. | Not Alone | Univseral Motown |
| 10. | The Hills of Birmingham | |
| 11. | The Arsonist's Wife (and bonus track "Can't Be True") | |

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Lullaby
Terrible Things
Wrap Me Up
Revolution

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Death Descends Upon Saint Joseph's College

A Satirical Report on Humans vs. Zombies

By Andrew Dudich
Staff Writer

All hope is lost. The last elite combat teams of Saint Joseph's College have fallen to the zombie influenza virus. Symptoms include sore throat, vomiting, death, and a rabid thirst for human blood, usually in that order. Zombie numbers have exponentially grown since "Victim Zero" was discovered on the East end of campus last Monday. Few human strongholds remain in Rensselaer. If you receive this message, please proceed to a fort immediately! Safe havens include Core XI, Cup 'O Joe, and Dr. Haskell's farm.

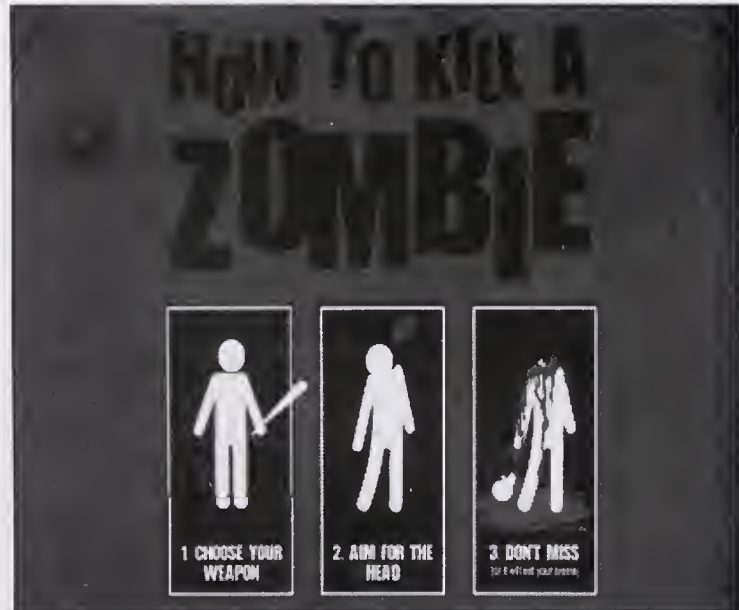
Standard procedure to defend oneself is to shoot a Nerf dart at the target's head. Some zombies require several shots to disable; therefore, an adequate supply of ammunition is critical. Most am-

munication repositories have fallen under enemy control, but one may be able to stealthily acquire additional materials at the Walmart Armory or the baseball dugouts.

If a comrade falls, there is nothing you can do. Attempts at developing an antidote have proven fruitless. Experimental patients initially improved in demeanor, but quickly decomposed without blood nourishment. An attack last week eliminated the last of our research teams. While our scientists, a government team led by Dr. Bob Brodman, had not yet developed a cure, several breakthroughs lent support to the theory that the outbreak stemmed from a genetic mutation linked to the tolerance of Core lectures. However, it is no matter now. We do not have the option to wait any longer. We must forever abandon the college, as it is now considered a lost cause.

This news pamphlet will be our last attempt to gather survivors on the outside. Our supplies are waning and our online communications have been disrupted (zombies.saintjoe.edu). Apparently, Professor Brian Capouch was cornered in the Computer Center on Friday and brutally ravaged. Reports indicate that Capouch attempted to converse with the zombie horde in Spanish, but these were no ordinary migrants. All that we know for sure is that our servers have been destroyed.

Come quickly, as we cannot hold our position here much longer. We are preparing an evacuation plan to take effect at the conclusion of this week. All current survivors will flee to Jasper County Airport. Those that arrive safely will board any remaining aircraft. Stopping only for fuel and water, we will travel in this



Some quick and efficient tips for how one can kill a zombie. You know, should the need ever arise.
(Photo courtesy of: <http://www.splitreason.com/blog/img/zombie.jpg>)

manner until we reach Australia, where the zombie plague has not yet reached. If you attempt to join us, be wary, be quick, and always be sure to double-tap.

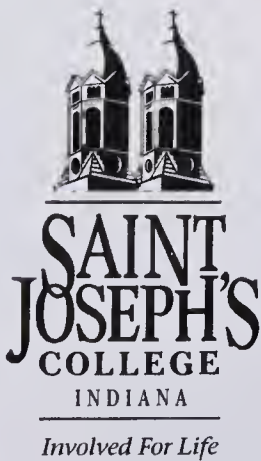
In the mood for some more undead-related fun and excitement? Check out these films about the walking, brain-eating dead:

- 28 Days Later
- 28 Weeks Later
- Zombieland
- Night of the Living Dead
- Resident Evil
- Shaun of the Dead
- Dawn of the Dead
- Planet Terror

As well as various video games, like the upcoming release *Dead Rising 2*, and books, like the highly acclaimed *World War Z*.



The official Humans vs. Zombies logo. Humans vs. Zombies is played on college campuses all across the United States.
(Photo courtesy of: http://www.mfimg.com/files/1315_nlt2b/hvzlogo.png)



The Shore, Oh Yeah!

By Corey Dowds,
Staff Writer

Welcome back from Fall Break everyone! I am sure that you all had a great and eventful experience. Let me tell you something though; it is going to be hard to top mine. I made the two and a half hour journey with my friends to Bloomington, Indiana, where Indiana University is located. If you were not already aware, Indiana University is an enormous campus, covered in forested areas, which gives it a very cozy feel as well as providing some nice scenery. It has many students, classes, trees, buildings, restaurants, and, most importantly... PARTIES! IU is, in fact, renowned for its numerous and crazy parties. Being the rambunctious party animal that I am, you can imagine what happened next, I watched basically all of the *Jersey Shore*

marathon that aired on MTV that weekend!

If you don't know what *Jersey Shore* is, well, this article is for you! *Jersey Shore* is a reality TV show on MTV. It is a fairly new show, but it has had massive commercial success. It is a show where people from around New Jersey gather in a house and pretty much do whatever they want. Jack Laski said, "It is about these guidos and guidettes having a good time." This is, quite literally, what the show is all about.

This show may sound simple, but the story is intense and intriguing, whether it be a story about Sammi and Ronnie, Snooki and Vinny's extracurricular activities, or the adventures of Mike "The Situation," Vinny, and Pauly D. (collectively known as "MVP")! The show simply has too much to summarize in one article. It would be better if the greatest minds in the world got together and wrote a novel on it

the length of 10 Bibles, roughly; it is that high caliber of a show.

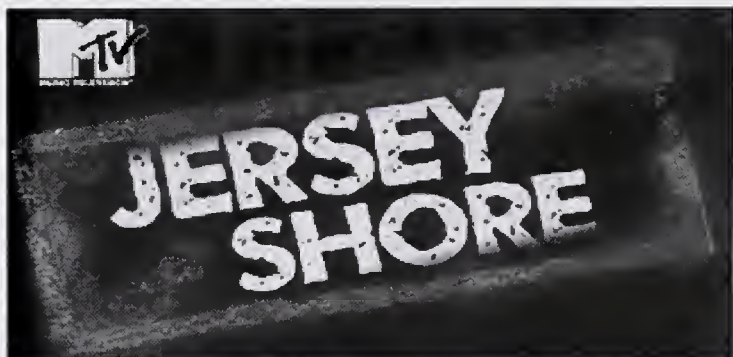
I went to some lovers and haters of the show to get the consensus of what the Saint Joseph's College community thinks. Cody Feuquay and Richard Kaht, also known as "haterz" gave me their two cents (if that) on the show. Kaht said, "It's like watching a dumb show, it's stupid!" Cody agreed, "Dis show is for big dumb poo-poo heads. Anybodies who watches dis must be like a big butt-face or sumtin'" Obviously these guys don't know fist pumping from churning butter. Jack Laski disagrees, saying, "I watch it because it's hilarious. I mean it can be annoying at times, but it is still funny." Matt Phillips agrees with Jack, "It's a train wreck; you really can't turn away, even though it's horrible" Jay Skibbens, on the topic, "People shouldn't take it so seriously. Sit back and enjoy the car wreck happen right in front of you."

Like I said in my last article, people should not take themselves too seriously. This is why *Jersey Shore* is a good choice for anyone. You can look at these people's lives, kick back, and laugh with your friends. Hopefully you and your friends never try to emulate these characters, except maybe some GTL here and there. If you haven't tried *Jersey Shore* out yet, then just give it a chance. Before Fall Break, I was living in ignorance. Fate brought me and The Shore together, and it is a match made in heaven. I firmly



Snooki, The Situation, Pauly D, JWoww, and the rest of the cast of *Jersey Shore* have taken the world by storm by fist pumping and doing laundry.

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The logo of the smash hit reality series on MTV.

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believe that everyone can have a similar relationship with it. So remember, if we all watch enough shore, we can always remember to gym, tan, laundry, and build

a grenade free America! (Just kidding, all women are beautiful in my eyes.)

UNINSPI-RED

By Michael Garrity
Features Editor

More than likely if I were to tell you about a film with a cast that included Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis, Richard Dreyfuss, and Helen Mirren, you may assume it was an epic drama worthy of Academy Award consideration, and that is probably the point. Instead, the film in question is *Red*, based on the DC Comics series of the same title. Willis has the starring role in this action comedy that provides a couple of laughs and a little excitement, even if it's not all that good.

Willis' character, Frank Moses, was one of the CIA's best agents but has now retired (the film's title comes from an acronym used to describe Moses in the film, "Retired, Extremely Dangerous"), and is trying to get along with the mundane of everyday life. In his boredom, and after living a life intentionally void of any emotional contacts, he continues to rip up his severance checks so that he can have phone conversations with a beautiful operator at the government's pension services program named

Sarah (played by Mary-Louise Parker from *Weeds*). Suddenly, however, he finds himself being hunted by government agents working for...the CIA! In charge of tracking down Moses is William Cooper, played by Karl Urban of *Lord of the Rings* fame. In order to save himself, and discover why the CIA would want to take him out after all of these years, he enlists the help of some of his old co-workers including the sagely and terminally ill Joe (Freeman), the crazy conspiracy theorist Marvin (Malkovich), and former assassin Victoria (Mirren). Predictably, Sarah joins the team for their adventure as they travel across the country uncovering answers and doing some other awesome stuff.

The film's biggest issue is, by far, its lack of depth. Of course, in an action comedy no one is expecting any intricately layered characters or serious themes, but throughout the film it seems to become harder and harder to care about any of the characters or their situations. We're not even told why Moses retired from the CIA in the first place, as his actions in the film clearly show he wasn't "too old" to keep going by

any means. The other characters are introduced haphazardly and with little bravado. Only Malkovich's character is even worth remembering, and that is only because he exists purely as comic relief and often his jokes are tired and uninspired (rhyme not intended), eliciting little reaction from the audience, and deservedly so. In fact, the most sympathetic character in the whole film isn't Moses nor Freeman's dying Joe, but Agent Cooper, the antagonist for the majority of the movie.

However, what really makes this movie a stinker is that it is totally unforgettable. Unlike *Shoot 'Em Up*, easily the best action comedy I have ever seen, this film doesn't have any memorable, over-the-top action moments. Barring one great scene with Marvin shooting at a rocket with a handgun, I can barely remember any of the action scenes, and I just saw it last night. In the end, this film feels as if it were put together quickly, with little effort put into the film's action and the actors coming off as if they are, at best, phoning in their performances. Do yourself a favor and skip *Red*.



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Men's Basketball Anticipating Season Ahead

By **Corey Dowds**
Staff Writer

At this point in time, fall sports are in their second half, and other teams are preparing to have successful seasons. One team looking to recreate the magic they had last year is the men's basketball team. The Pumas this year are already preparing in practice and in the weight room to match their success from last year.

Last year, the Pumas had a wildly successful season. They were solid at home, finishing 10-4 when playing at Saint Joseph's College. They finished 5-7 away, and 5-1 at neutral sites. They finished with an overall record of 20-12. They also were strong inside the conference, finishing 11-7, including 7-2 at home. The most impressive thing about the Pumas last season was their strength in the playoffs.

The Pumas conquered teams such as Kentucky Wesleyan, conference rivals Grand Valley State, and Quincy thanks to heroics by Davyon Sloan, who scored 45 points in this triple overtime thriller. This took the men all the way to the division II Elite Eight. The Pumas were prevented from making the Final Four by Cal Poly Polama. They greatly exceeded expectations last year, and are looking to do that and more this year.

Last year set the bar

high for our Pumas, but they are looking to be even more successful this year. Jordan Stevens is a Junior who is versatile in the Forwards or Center position. "With the talent on this team, I expect a great year. Winning the conference and earning another NCAA bid should be on everyone's mind," he said when asked about expectations for this year.

Jordan also comments about the magic that the team had last year, "As exciting and magical as last season's post season run was, that was still last year. We need to focus hard and play hard in practice. If we can play hard, smart, and together then things will take care of themselves and we can win a lot of ball games." When asked about how last year's team compares to this one, Stevens said "I do not like to compare teams with past team's because they are different and in a different time. That being said, we still have many familiar faces who are experienced in GLVC play." The freshman are also expected to produce this season. "They are doing well for the most part. Some things will be harder to pick up on than other things. After all, we all remember being freshman and there is much to learn; I am confident they will adapt well." Stevens said.

Stevens is also confident in

the team overall. "Probably our biggest strength would be our returning experience. Michael Horton, Marcus Jackson, and Phil Collins have been in the system for four years and understand what it will take to win this year. Going along with that, we have quite a bit of depth. Our talent level is amazing and hopefully we will use that to our advantage. With this much confidence, the Pumas are mentally ready for another stellar season."

Stevens concludes the interview on another positive note: "Thank you for supporting us over the years and we are looking forward to your support this coming season."



The Pumas at playoffs last year. (Photo by Google)



2010-2011 Men's Team Roster (Courtesy of Puma Athletic Pages)

Girl's Basketball Preview

By **Alexis Clagon**
Staff Writer

"Who are We? Pumas! What we do? Work hard! What do we have? Heart!" This statement is very true for the Puma Women's Basketball team this year. The women's Basketball Team is looking good this year. From the looks of it, the coach is coaching harder and the players are playing even harder.

The girls had brutal practices and practice times which included a 5:45 am practice. That's crazy to some, but to these girls its all heart, desire, determination, and maybe a loud sound off alarm clock. There is no doubt in anyone's minds that the girls team is coming up this year and coming up strong.

Everyone at the Joe can see the women going very far this year, farther than ever before. Don't get it all twisted up, the girls don't do it all on their own they have to be coached by a coaching staff. Coach Brandon Turner, Coach Lyndsie Long, and Coach Chad Pulver coach these women to their full potential and it shows everyday at their hard working practice.

Usually college coaches don't usually play their freshmen as much, but Jasmyne Reynolds, Lauren Cash, and Alexa Bess played quite a bit in their first college game. Recently the girls

got the chance to prove that they have been working hard by having their first exhibition game against Purdue Cal.

They struggled at first, but only a little bit because they turned it around quick on Purdue, which they didn't expect. The girls used all they learned in preseason work outs and were able to come up with the big "W."

According to the girls basketball program, that is how you start off a great soon to be season. The season is looking promising after the first exhibition victory.

Stay up to date with the girls team as they play Ball State at Ball State on Thursday November 4th.



Natalie Appelhans passes the ball (Photo thanks to SJC athletics page)



Tatiana Ortiz bounces the ball (Photo thanks to SJC athletics page)

Girl's Basketball Ranked 4th for GLVC

By **Ken Badylak**
Director of Sports Information

The head women's basketball coaches in the Great Lakes Valley Conference have cast their ballots for the annual GLVC Preseason Poll and identified Drury, Wisconsin-Parkside and UIndy as the favorites to claim divisional titles in 2010-11. Saint Joseph's College was selected to finish fourth in the North Division.

The upcoming basketball season marks the second year the GLVC will be divided into three divisions. Drury was selected as the favorite to win the GLVC West Division, UW-Parkside has been tabbed as the GLVC North Division favorite and UIndy was voted as the top team in the GLVC East Division. All three teams claimed the top spot in their respective divisions last season.

UW-Parkside received 65 total points in the poll and collected 13 first-place votes to top the GLVC North Division. The Rangers are coming off a 23-8 season in which they advanced to the NCAA Midwest Regional. UW-Parkside advanced to the championship game of the 2010 GLVC Women's Basketball Tournament and finished the conference season with a 13-5 league mark.

Lewis collected the two remaining first-place votes in the North Division and finished with 52 total points to place second

in the divisional rankings. The Flyers were followed by Quincy (42), Saint Joseph's (27) and Illinois-Springfield (14).

The Pumas finished last season 8-20 overall with a 6-12 mark in GLVC play. SJC qualified for the GLVC Championship Tournament, but fell to the University of Missouri-St. Louis in first round at Nicoson Hall in Indianapolis.

The 2010-11 GLVC schedule will begin on Dec. 2 and will culminate with the 2011 GLVC Women's Basketball Championship Tournament that will conclude at Maryville's Moloney Arena on Mar. 4-6. Each team will play the teams in its division twice and each team in the other two divisions once for an 18-game slate. The top three teams from each division and three wild card teams will advance to the tournament which will be held over two weekends.

The top six teams will host first-round games on Feb. 27. The teams will be re-seeded following first round action with the four lower seeded teams competing in the second round on Mar. 4. The top two remaining seeds following the first round will earn a bye into the semifinal round on Mar. 5.

Puma Football Winning Streak Is Snapped

By: Ken Badylak
Sports Information
Director

Only one winning streak continued in Bolivar, Missouri on Saturday afternoon with Southwest Baptist University pushing it's to six games. The Saint Joseph's College football team started slow only to fall 51-43 in a shoot-out at Plaster Stadium.

The Bearcats (7-2) took an early lead by scoring on the game's opening possession. SBU then forced a fumble on the Pumas' (5-4) opening play from scrimmage that resulted in a safety. After Kevin Quackenbush's (Jr., Indianapolis, Ind./Perry Meridian) punt, SBU had possession on their own 46-yard line. Four plays later Stephen Gachette connected on his second touchdown pass in as many possession to take as the Bearcats took a 16-0 lead.

SJC stalled on the ensuing drive as they could not convert on a fourth and eleven from the SBU 33-yard line. However, David Wallace (Sr., Hammond, Ind./Morton) intercepted Gachette three plays later and scampered 55 yards downfield to score the Pumas' first touchdown of the game.

SBU answered with an eight play, 88-yard drive to take a 23-7 at the end of the first quarter. Billy VandeMerkt (Fr., Riverside, Ill./Riverside Brookfield) then found his rhythm in the second quarter as the Pumas got back into the game with a 61-yard drive that took over six minutes. VandeMerkt found Zach Barnes (Fr., Fort Wayne, Ind./Snider) on a 10-yard touchdown reception to pull SJC within 23-14.

The SJC special teams forced a Bearcat fumble on the ensuing

kick-off return giving the Pumas possession on the SBU 16-yard line. Unfortunately, Jashon Banks' (Sr., Kankakee, Ill./Kankakee) fumbled on his attempt to score as Chris Muhammad picked-up the loose ball and returned it one hundred yards for the touchdown.

Trailing 30-14, the Pumas continued to establish their ground presence as VandeMerkt capped off a nine play drive with a five-yard touchdown run. SJC rushed for 56 of the 68 yards on the scoring drive. The SJC defense could not hold in the latter moments of the first half as SBU added another score to in the final minute to take a 37-21 lead into the locker room.

Banks recorded a 28-yard touchdown on the opening drive of the second half only to see Thaddeus Everson answer later in the period with one of his own. SBU maintained a 44-28 lead into the fourth quarter, but SJC was driving again. VandeMerkt ended an 11 play, 68-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Rouba (Jr., Chicago, Ill./St. Laurence) to start the fourth frame. After the two-point conversion to Mack Ogletree (Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio/Lockland) the Pumas cut the Bearcat advantage to 44-36.

Gachette found Charles Johnson minutes later to rebuild a 15 point cushion with just less than nine minutes remaining in the game. The Pumas continued their relentless assault on the SBU defensive line by marching down the field for another score. Banks completed the 50-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run.

The Bearcats attempted to run the clock out with a heavy dose of Everson rushing the ball, but the SJC defense forced a punt, returning possession to the Pumas on their own 46 yard line. With less than two minutes remaining

VandeMerkt connected with Ogletree on an 18-yard reception to start the final drive. Anthony Wiggins, however, intercepted VandeMerkt two plays later to end the game.

Jashon Banks finished with 118 yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns. With his performance Banks surpasses Jimmy Allen '91 for most career rushing touchdowns and touchdowns in SJC history. He also surpassed 3,000 yards rushing in a career.

Billy VandeMerkt was 20 of 26 passing for 191 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception. He also rushed for a third touchdown. Mack Ogletree made 11 catches for 105 yards. Cody Sprayberry (Fr., Oak Forest, Ill./Oak Forest) recorded a career-high and team-high 11 tackles.

SJC will host Missouri Science and Technology in the season finale at Alumni Stadium. Kick-off is scheduled for 12 pm. CDT. Senior Day ceremonies will precede the game.

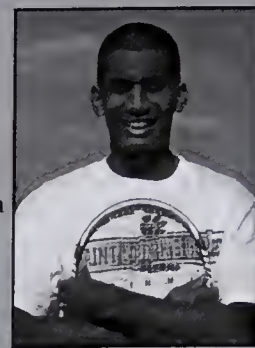


Puma Athlete Profile:

By: Amber Melvin
Sports Editor

Ishan Gohil

Ishan Gohil is a senior at SJC, where he has been playing men's tennis during his entire four years. He is a Presidential Scholar and also a Freshman Leader. He hopes to attend medical school after graduating from SJC in May.



Hometown: Kokomo, IN

Nickname: Ish

How long have you been playing tennis?: I was probably about 7 years old when I first started playing tennis for fun. Then when I was about 12 years old I began playing competitively.

What is your favorite food: Chicken Fried Rice

What band do you have to listen to on your iPod?: Weezer

What movie can you watch over and over again?: The original "Star Wars" trilogy

Why: "Because Star Wars is the best movie of all time!"

What was your first job you ever had?: I filed charts at my dad's doctor's office.

Did you like it?: Yes, I liked it pretty well.

Why did you like it?: Because it gave me something to do and I got paid.

What is your favorite video game?: "Gears of War" series

What is one thing that people don't know about you?: Most people don't know that I am obsessed with "Star Wars."

If you could play a different sport at the Joe what would it be?: "I wish I could play hockey."

Why?: "I think hockey demands the most out of an athlete."

And lastly, what is your favorite quote?: "What we do in life echos an eternity"- Gladiator

Top 5 Still Undefeated In Division I Football

By: Jeremy Butterfield
Sports Editor

Out of the one hundred twenty teams in the NCAA Division I Football at week nine during the regular season only five teams remain undefeated, which included Auburn, Oregon, Boise State, TCU, and Utah. Most of these teams will not face each other during the regular season.

This weekend TCU and Utah will be facing each other to keep their top ten rankings and still have a chance for the National Title. Many analysts from ESPN have been saying that TCU is going to have the better shot during the game but with so many different repercussions that could come from this game both teams are going to be playing their hearts out.

Utah had a close call last week when they faced Air Force: they got by with a 28-23 victory. They might have been getting ready for TCU some experts say and some of the coaches said that as long as they were ready for next week they will be happy. TCU has the best defense in the

with only allowing 8.7 points per game.

Utah is ranked sixth with allowing 14.1 points per game, so the two teams will be ranked are also both ranked in the top ten for scoring per game. This game will be a good match up with having such high explosive offense and shut down defenses.

Boise State has been good the past few years with one loss the past two years. They have been hoping the past few years for the shot at a National Title. This year they might be able to if Auburn or Oregon slip up before the end of the season.

Boise State has been known to have a weak schedule and normally would have but this year they play three teams ranked in the top twenty-five. They also are great on both sides of the ball with their offense and defense ranked second and third respectfully.

Also their Junior Quarterback Kellen Moore is currently ranked third for Heisman Trophy. They are also ranked eleventh passing yards in the college ranks. Oregon has been running over their entire

schedule which does seem to have overall tougher then TCU, Utah, and Boise State. Being in the PAC-10 means that they will be facing some of the toughest teams on the West Coast. They have had at least two ranked teams some of which have been slipping up and down from the rankings.

Oregon also has a Heisman Trophy candidate in LaMichael James a Sophomore running back, with most of the yards coming from him they are ranked fourth in rush offense so far this year. They are ranked number one for points per game with 54.9, they also have the number one spot in total.

The team that seems to be just behind Oregon in many stats and rankings is Auburn. They are in the SEC which many experts and fans believe to be the best conference in all of College Football. Auburn does seem to be in the best conference with some of the toughest teams to face throughout the year. Also Auburn has been running the ball well to with being second in the College level.

Auburn like the past two

teams also has a Heisman type player in Cameron Newton who is a Junior Quarterback. He is currently lead the Heisman race because he has been using his arm and legs to trample the competition in the toughest conference. They have or going to face four top ranked teams including the team who won the National Title last year in currently ranked fifth in the country with Auburn ranked second behind Oregon.

The current BCS standings show these teams with Oregon on top at number one then Auburn, TCU, Boise State, and then number five is Utah. These

standings have changed and will continue to change all the way to the end of the regular season and until the bowl games are announced.

All of these teams have a good chance with going to the National Title game it is just who will remain undefeated throughout the rest of the season and any conference games that might go on for these teams.



Karma and the Cosmos

By Crystal Gaze



Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)
This is one of those times where you wish you could grow up at a faster rate than usual. Maybe skip the next few years. But what's coming your way is not worth missing!

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)
Despite all of the disappointments that have been tossed your way, you are still bound for greatness, perhaps because of such trying times as these. Just be yourself, don't take anyone's crap, and NEVER let them take you alive!

Gemini (May 20-June 20)
Whoa doggy, slow down before someone gets hurt! You have been non-stop full of energy, but you're still human and occasionally need some serious downtime. This is that time.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)
Oh cancer, you and your opponents will never quite

quit these days. Despite your diplomatic efforts you are still experiencing resistance. Lie low for a short while and lull them into a false sense of power and security.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)
So much in your life has been pleasing and going rather smoothly, so enjoy your lazy river as long as you can. Things never stay quiet for long, so don't get too comfortable on your float.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)
If you have been feeling sick, take some serious time off from your life. While you still have necessary duties to complete, some of the unnecessary stuff should be pushed to the wayside so you can recover. Try making your friends bring you soup. You will like that.

Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)
Life, for you is a battlefield

these days. You haven't been allowed to put your shield down for weeks; everything just keeps coming at you with fervor. Though you're exhausted, you should keep up the good fight because, whether you know it or not, you're winning.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Some people might have you labeled as "over the top" these days, but that is because you are experiencing much growth as a human being. Do not let anyone hinder who you are to become, so long as you like the mold into which you are pouring yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)
Get ready for a boatload of opportunities heading your way! You might be overwhelmed at first, but that is to be expected from someone like you who is used to preparing for everything. Just sit back and let it all pour in, then decide your first move after your sorting.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 1)
For some reason you are under the impression that what you have is less than what others have, when this could not be further from the truth. Remain faithful to your sense of self and ideals, and only you will know the true value of what you have.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)
For once, you will be good for your word, and you will surprise everyone. This will be a step in the right direction for you, since you have been feeling rather lost lately. Continue to stay true to the word and even if you get lost, everyone else will know right where you are.

Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)
You have finally accepted a serious opportunity, now be prepared to stick to it. It will be tougher than you expect, but the payoff will be tremendous.

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for September 20
(219) 866-2222
fountainstonetheaters.com

Jackass (R)
Mon.-Thurs. 5:05, 7:05

Paranormal Activity 2 (R)
Mon-Thurs: 5:10, 7:10

Secretariat (PG)
Mon-Thurs: 4:30, 6:45

Hereafter (PG-13)
Mon.-Thurs: 4:20, 6:35

Red (PG-13)
Mon-Thurs: 5:00, 7:00

Coming Soon!

Megamind
and
Due Date

Overheard Say What?

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to mbp6978@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

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"I watched this show about ghost adventures, but the guys were total tools. It should be called Tools vs. Ghosts."

~
"I'm a-sexual. Like a sponge. Yes, I date sponges."

~
"Why do my tacos look worse than everyone else's?"

~
"He's like Beetlejuice. If you say his name three times he appears."

~
"Oh I had a great Friday. I don't remember going to the restaurant, but everyone said I read the waitress her Miranda rights. Great."

~
"Why go to college online in your pj's? I can go to real college in my pjs' too."

What are these crazy characters saying? Fill in the bubbles with your own input, banter, or silly phrases and send your responses to mbp6978@saintjoe.edu to see your responses printed in the next issue! Please keep the responses PG-13 and get ready for another photograph in the upcoming issue. Also, be sure to include your name and year in your response.

In photograph below: Caleb Tanner Thomas (Sophomore)

This week's photograph:



Gentleman: "My undershirt says "Affliction."..."

Gentleman: "Maybe if I dress like a Twilight character, people will stop mistaking me for Robert Pattenson. Oh wait...oh DARN!"

Gentleman: "I don't know about you but I put on my best coat and hat when it rains."

Gentleman: "This isn't a costume, no..."

Gentleman: "Ra-Ra-Russia!"

Gentleman: "Mikc may be the situation but I'm the domination!"

Responses from last week:

Gentleman: "I see plebians. All the time."

Gentleman: "The microwave is the devil."

Gentleman: "My other quip is in Latin."

Gentleman: "Why does Snoop Dog carry an umbrella? Fo' drizzle!"

The Ritz Cinema

Movies for September 20
(219) 866-0086

The A Team (R)
Saturday and Sunday 7:30

Coming Soon!

(To be announced)
Cats & Dogs
Alpha and Omega
Due Date

The Kissing Booth: By Michael Booth

Staff Writer

Question: Why does the one I love continue to stay with me after I have hurt her so many times?

We hurt the ones we love. And yet for some mysterious reason they stay with us. Perhaps out of true love; perhaps from devotion or dedication. We are human beings, and we are continually evolving.

At times we become caught up in the emotion of the moment and say things that don't make sense, which often leads to regret. The best thing to meditate on is the notion of existence "without that person." I am not talking about living or dying as an existential or philosophical notion of existence, rather I am talking about the notion of being a fool for wanting you, whether right or wrong. Am I fool for wanting you and are you a fool for wanting me (reference "I am a fool to want you"- Frank Sinatra)?

Most importantly, always remember that tomorrow is a new day, and there are always opportunities for love to blossom into something mystical and ethereal. Forgiveness for love's healthy sake, should always be an option.